

Participant	Peter Atfield (Goadsby)	Rep ID	3077
		Date response received	
Representing	Charles Church Developments Ltd	Response reference number	MHD040
MHD / Change reference commented on	MHD008, MHD011, MHD012		
Summary of comment	<p>Object to the delay in the start date for the development at Dorchester Hill as set out in MHD008.</p> <p>Disagrees with the claim in MHD012 that time is needed to mitigate and enhance the long term prospects for the bat population. Ecological studies produced to support the proposals for the site conclude that appropriate mitigation can be implemented in respect of Bats, Cockchaffer Beetles, Common Dormice, Reptiles and Nesting Birds. It is anticipated that development would commence on site in 2016 with a three year build programme to 2019.</p> <p>MHD011 sets out criteria by which the impact on the AONB can be minimised. The development of the Dorchester Hill site can fulfil all of these objectives in their entirety. In addition, the four mature Horse Chestnut trees in the centre of the site are proposed to be retained within an area of open space that will compliment, in landscape terms, the mature boundaries of the site. The visual impact, when viewed from the AONB, is therefore considered to be acceptable – and for the reasons set out in the SOCG as submitted in advance of the EIP</p>		
Council's response	<p>Prior to the production of MHD012, no ecological information was made available to the Council to support the broad location for growth at West of Blandford St Mary, Dorchester Hill.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge the receipt of the ecological information including mitigation proposals accompanying this response to MHD012. This information has been forwarded to Natural England for their comment.</p> <p>Pending a satisfactory response from Natural England and their agreement to an appropriate mitigation package, there is no reason why the site at West of Blandford St Mary, Dorchester Hill shouldn't be reinstated within the Local Plan as a broad location for growth.</p>		
Conclusions	<p>The ecological information submitted in support of the development of the site has been forward to Natural England for comment. Their response will inform future decisions relating to the site.</p>		